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Government and for which grants will be given, and they can teach Tamil in those schools as the chief language. Government cannot introduce Tamil as a chief language in any Sirkar school.

99. Thekkumalai to be thrown open for grazing.

Mr. B. Narayana Pillai requested that the Thekkumalai in the Agastisvaram Taluk be thrown open for the grazing of cattle throughout the year, instead of during certain months only. On the eastern side of the hills, cattle from the British Indian parts were being allowed to graze and fees were being levied for the same; while on the western side, heavy fines were realised if cattle of the taluk were taken in for grazing. No trees grew on the hills, and under existing management, the hills would never become filled with valuable trees. The member referred to the existence of a Government order under which cattle were being allowed to graze during some months, and said that, at other times, grazing was not prohibited but connived at by the forest subordinates. He requested that the practice be made to prevail throughout the year.

Dewan's reply.—Government are not prepared to increase the facilities for the grazing of cattle within forest reserves. The irregularities in forest administration mentioned by the member are, however, noted and will be enquired into.

100. Water-supply for the Nagercoil town.

Mr. S. Subramony Iyer urged the desirability of supplying the Nagercoil town with wholesome water for drinking purposes. He said that Nagercoil stood first among the towns in the State as regards density of population and was not behind others as regards her commerce and industry. The Kanakamulam market held on three days in a week; the annual festival at the St. Xavier's Church at Kottar, in connection with which Rs. 500 was being spent for the supply of good water in view to prevent the out-break of epidemic diseases; the existence of the District, Munsiff and Second Class Magistrate's Courts, of a Second Grade College and a High School, besides several other public offices and institutions went to swell the actual population in the town. The necessity for early steps being taken to ensure a good water-supply was brought to the notice of Government by the local Town Improvement Committee, which led to correspondence with the Engineer's Department. He then referred to the opinions of Mr. Jacob, Executive Engineer, and Mr. Jopp, the late Chief Engineer, regarding the feasibility of conducting water along a duct of iron pipes from a reservoir within

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